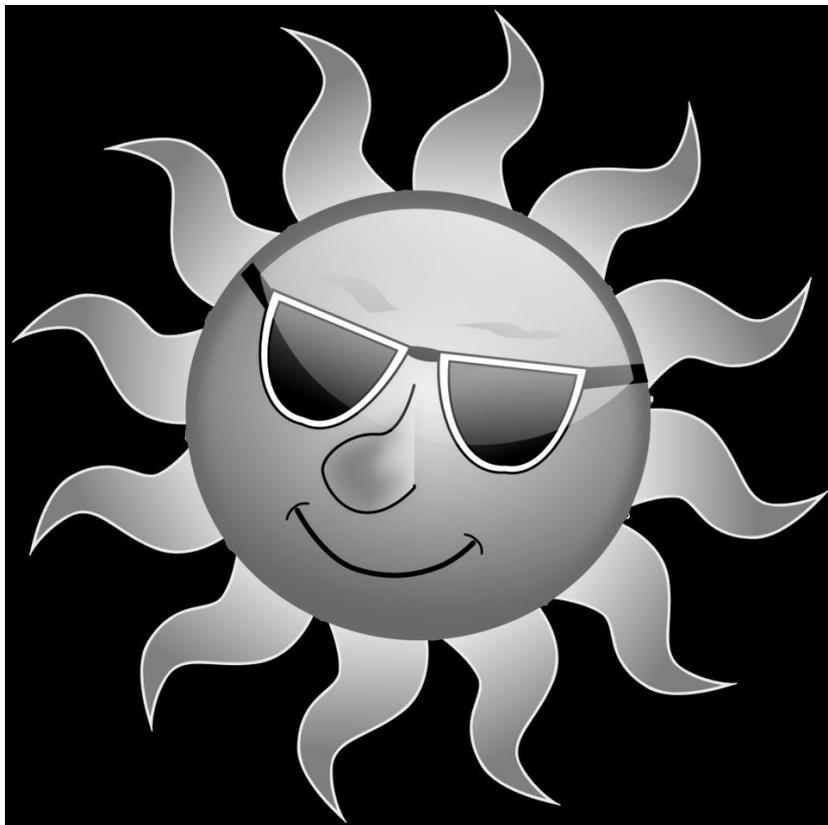




JULY & AUGUST
2021

South Leicestershire Group URC



SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE GROUP UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
Saffron Lane-Wigston Magna-South Wigston
Oadby-Whetstone

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It was with a huge sigh of relief when Charlie and I received our second 'jabs' (only two weeks late, but who's counting?) It seems that a milestone has been reached and we can start to go out and about with care but without the anxiety of meeting with other people whom we haven't seen for months. And what a delight to attend church services 'in the flesh' and to enjoy worshipping together, in the same building.

Throughout the lockdown we have, along with many, many others, been shielding and keeping mainly to the house and garden. Not a bad thing when the weather is good enough to be outside, but being shut away in not so good weather doesn't do us any good at all. What we have to remember at all times is that we are never completely alone. Our Saviour is with us constantly, sharing our ups and our downs, walking alongside us when we venture, however tentatively, outdoors and He is there when we sit quietly in our armchair, keeping watch, ready to give encouragement and showing His care for us.

During this summer, hoping that this beautiful weather continues for a while, be aware that wherever you go, our Lord and Saviour is there with you. We may still have to proceed with care, but it shouldn't stop us from starting to fully enjoy life lived together again. Jesus took every opportunity to meet with others and so should we, in the open air if possible, but going out for a coffee (or beer!) is such a treat and never, ever, to be taken for granted again.

Be thankful for your blessings, remember those in need and praise God every day for his continuing love for us all.

Take care and God bless

Eileen

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

Whetstone URC	10.00 am
Oadby URC	10.15 am
South Wigston URC	10.30 am
Wigston Magna	10.30 am
Saffron Lane	11.00 am
Abbots Road	10.45 am

Please check with the relevant Church Secretaries to confirm when services are taking place at any of the Group Churches.



Regular Group Church Events

MEETINGS / EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

For any more information / advice please contact the Church Secretary

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DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 MAGAZINE

Sunday 22 August 2021

**Send your items to your church representative or direct to
di.statham@btinternet.com**

If you do not have a computer a hand written copy can be accepted.
Contact Di Statham 0116 2810053 for information

Next Group Service

Sunday 11 July 2021

4.00 pm

Outdoors

at

Whetstone URC

**Come and enjoy Worship in the
fresh air**

Wigston Magna News

SERVICES AND WORSHIP LEADERS

JULY

- 4 Mrs. Shirley Eastman
- 11 Mrs. Eileen Williams
- 18 Mr. Andrew Davies (Communion)
- 25 Mr. Ray Green

AUGUST

- 1 The Worship Group
- 8 Rev. Richard Eastman
- 15 Mr. David Todd
- 22 Rev. Martin Ferris
- 29 Mrs. Shirley Eastman

We will be holding a Church Meeting on **Sunday August 1** after Morning Worship.

Please do your best to attend



Wigston Magna News

FLOWER ROTA

JULY

4
11 Sheila Stephens
18 Barry Chamberlain
25

AUGUST

1 Ray Green
8 Herbert & Ida Austin Memorial
15 Joan Smith
22 Sheila Stephens
29 Ray Green

If anyone would like to provide flowers on any occasion, or give towards the cost, please speak to Malcolm

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

5 Ian Coutts
25 Terry Hewes

AUGUST

4 Lizzie Chauhan
28 Chloe Powell



Wigston Magna News

Do you remember the 1950's :-

The outside toilet with newspaper squares, or if you were lucky 'Izal' Germicide which resembled slippery tracing paper and was of little use for the purpose required!!

The tin bath in front of the fire which had to be filled and emptied by hand!!

Doors were left unlocked and the neighbours popped in unannounced. People talked more and looked out for each other.

Mother would stay at home while father went out to work earning an average £100 per year!!

Older people were treated with respect and called ' Mr', 'Mrs', 'Sir' or 'Miss'.

Policemen were regularly on the beat and any misdemeanour from kids would result in clip round the ear.

Sweets and chocolates were still rationed at the beginning of the 1950's and coupons had to be used from a ration book. Sweet rationing came to an end in 1953. Popular sweets were Rolo's, Spangles, Fruit salad, Black jack, Sherbet lemons, gobstoppers and many more.

Not many people had television so the radio was the source of entertainment and shows like Hancock's Half Hour, The Goon Show and The Archers (still going) and Billy Cotton's Band Show were listened to. For children there was Listen with Mother and Children's Choice.

Every family had several board games that would be played on quiet evenings or rainy days. These included Monopoly, Cluedo, Snakes & Ladders, Tiddlywinks and Dominoes.



RECIPE: JULY - Chicken and Walnut Salad (Serves 4)

1 lb (500g) cooked boned chicken
2 celery sticks, coarsely chopped
1 large dessert apple, cored and sliced
2 ozs (50g) walnuts, roughly chopped
6 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 - 2 tablespoons single cream (optional)
Watercress sprigs to garnish

- 1) Cut the chicken into pieces and place in a large bowl with the celery, apple and walnuts.
- 2) Thin the mayonnaise if necessary to give the consistency of thick cream, by adding a little single cream.
- 3) Pour over the chicken and toss well until the ingredients are evenly coated.
- 4) Turn into a serving dish and garnish with watercress.



South Wigston News

DIARY: JULY

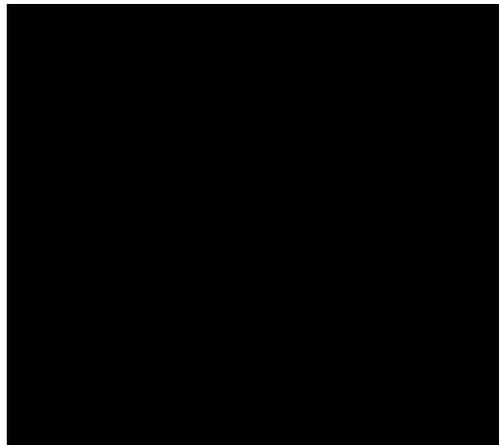
Sunday services hopefully to continue each Sunday at 10.30am.

Sunday 11 July - Group Open Air Service - Whetstone 4.00 pm

Wednesday 14 July - Elders Meeting in the College - 10.00 am

GARDENING NOTES: JULY

- 1) Feed containers weekly - over and above normal watering.
- 2) Start collecting seeds and put into an envelope.
- 3) Pinch out tomato side shoots.
- 4) Sow late-flowering annuals - calendular and cornflowers.
- 5) Keep alpines weeded and remove faded flowers.
- 6) Dwarf and intermediate bearded irises may be divided early in the month.
- 7) Divide tall bearded irises at the end of the month.



A Thought for the Month of July.

Take the first step in faith.

You don't have to take the whole staircase, just take the first step.

Martin Luther King, Jr

South Wigston News

PRAYER LIST: July Please pray for:

- 1 All those still struggling with the corona virus.
- 2 All who work in our hospitals, that they may stay safe.
- 3 Our Ministry Team, planning for the months ahead, not knowing whether church services will be able to continue.
- 4 All who are preaching God's Word in our churches today.
- 5 Those whose livelihood depends on a good summer season.
- 6 Those going away on holiday, that they may remain safe.
- 7 The bereaved.
- 8 The staff and residents of our Care Homes.
- 9 All who are attending General Assembly over the next few days.
- 10 Those who have lost their employment through the pandemic.
- 11 All who are reading God's word in our churches today.
- 12 Children in Leicestershire as they begin their summer holiday.
- 13 The residents, and all who work for the Community of Grace.
- 14 All who are sick in body and mind.
- 15 All who are lonely.
- 16 All who work for our Emergency Services.
- 17 In this holiday season, all who man the lifeboats.
- 18 Those who would like to be in Church today but are not able.
- 19 Our Government, having to make difficult decisions.
- 20 Those we know who are unable to get out to enjoy the sunshine.
- 21 Those who work hard to keep our streets clean.
- 22 Give thanks for the peace and beauty of quiet gardens.
- 23 All who are abused in any way, especially children.
- 24 On Midsummer Day, give thanks for the beauty of summer.
- 25 Our friends in the other churches in our areas.
- 26 The homeless.
- 27 The farmers who provide us with our food.
- 28 All who are getting married this summer.
- 29 Give thanks for family and friends.
- 30 Those who live in countries where the vaccine is scarce.
- 31 Give thanks for all those who have helped us to get through the past difficult year.

South Wigston News

RECIPE: AUGUST - Corn and Ham Flan (Serves 4)

6 ozs short crust pastry

1 small tin of evaporated milk

1 oz plain flour

2 ozs butter

1 small onion

3 ozs ham, diced

7 oz can of sweetcorn

1 teaspoon of mustard

3 ozs Grated Cheese

Salt & pepper (to taste)

Few sprigs of parsley (to decorate).

- 1 Line an 8 inch flan ring with the pastry. Trim the edges and bake blind for 20 minutes. Allow to cool.
- 2 Make the milk up to $\frac{1}{2}$ pint with water, whisk in the flour and add half the butter. Bring to the boil, stirring until thickened.
- 3 Chop the onion finely and fry in remaining butter until soft.
- 4 Add onions to the sauce with the ham, drained sweetcorn, mustard, salt and pepper. Mix well.
- 5 Pour into prepared flan case, sprinkle with cheese, and grill until browned. Serve cold, garnished with parsley.

GARDENING NOTES: AUGUST

- 1) Sow seeds of spring cabbage.
- 2) Continue to spray against pests and diseases.
- 3) Thin out large water-lily leaves if they hide the flowers.
- 4) Harvest onions and spread out to dry.
- 5) Plan ahead and decide what needs moving and dividing.
- 6) Peg down strawberry runners to propagate. Keep well-watered.

A Thought for the Month of August

Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn't
know you left open.

John Barrymore

South Wigston News

PRAYER LIST: AUGUST Please pray for:

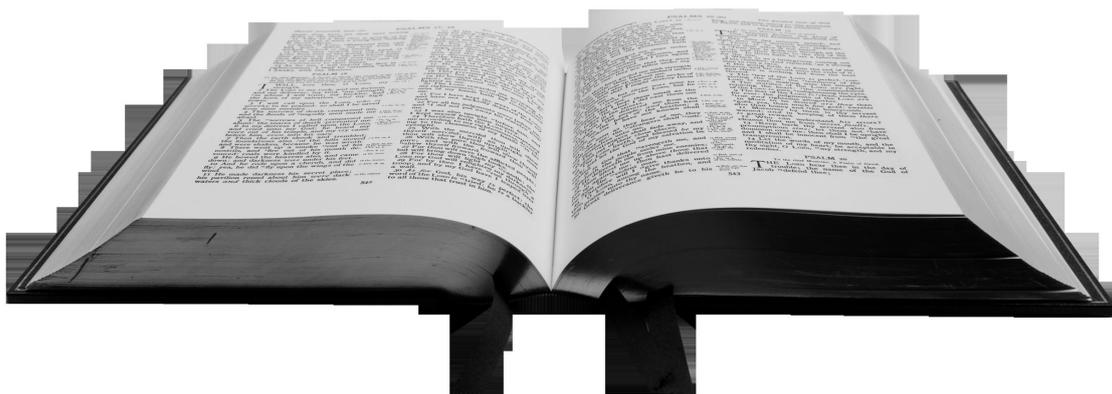
- 1 All who are preaching the Word of God in our churches today.
- 2 Those who are travelling, that they may stay safe.
- 3 Richer nations, that through G7, they will help the poorer nations where the vaccine supply is low.
- 4 All suffering from poverty and injustice in the Middle East.
- 5 All who are going on holiday this month.
- 6 Those who are in need of a holiday, but can't afford one.
- 7 All who work for our Emergency Services.
- 8 Give thanks that we may meet together in our churches.
- 9 The work of LOROS and all other hospices.
- 10 People with phobias.
- 11 Girls in poorer countries who are missing out on education.
- 12 All those whose medical treatment has been delayed due to covid.
- 13 All who are persecuted because of their faith.
- 14 Gardeners and those who make our localities look beautiful.
- 15 All who would love to be in church today, but are not able.
- 16 All who serve on our district councils.
- 17 All who suffer because of the weather - flood or drought.
- 18 All who are victims of violence.
- 19 Give thanks for the infinite variety of people.
- 20 Students who, because of the present situation, worry about what they are going to do next.
- 21 All who are caring for elderly or sick relatives at home.
- 22 Richard and our Ministry team as they continue to serve us.
- 23 Give thanks for the warmth of the sun.
- 24 Those who live on the bread-line.
- 25 Those who are mentally ill, and those who care for them.
- 26 Those who work on fishing boats so we can have fish to eat.
- 27 Those who do the difficult work of counselling.
- 28 Ex-offenders trying to lead better lives.
- 29 All who are training for the Ministry.
- 30 Those who are at work on this summer Bank Holiday.
- 31 Give thanks for the beauty of summer.

Saffron Lane News

Preachers and Readers list for July/August 2021

	OT	NT	SERV	COLL	Preacher	
July 4 th	6	5	6	13	R Eastman	Communion
July 11 th	8	7	8	13	M Ferris	Communion
July 18 th	30	12	30	13	E Williams	Communion
July 25 th	35	36	#	14	G Milnes	Family Service
Aug 1 st	3	4	3	13	J Slatford	Communion
Aug 8 th	5	6	5	13	L Gill	Communion
Aug 15 th	7	8	7	13	E Williams	Communion
Aug 22 nd	12	30	#	14	R Eastman	Family Service
Aug 29 th	36	35	#	13	S Clay	5 th Sunday
Sept 5 th	4	3	4	13	K Drinkwater	Communion
Sept 12 th	6	5	6	13	D Todd	Communion
Sept 19 th	8	7	8	13	G Milnes	Communion
Sept 26 th	30	12	#	14	R Eastman	Family service

3 Kath T	7. Angela S	12. Elizabeth R	# no server
4. Maureen F	8. Brian S	13. Darren C	30 Sandra
5. Sue B	10. Molly B	14. Mackenzie	35 Anne
6. Pat S	11. Richard B		36 Dec B



**THANK YOU
DARREN CLAY**

For being our Sunday Morning DJ and playing the Music CD for the hymns at our Services



Saffron Lane News

Birthdays

July No July Birthdays

August 27th Kath Thorpe

Holiday Time

by Doreen Storton

Free at last for two whole weeks, for months we have prepared for this;

An annual holiday by the sea; away from work will be heavenly bliss,
To sit in a deck chair on the sands with the sound of waves,
Not far away; watching children busy with buckets and spades,
and everyone happy, smiling and gay.

No worries or cares as we climb the hills, seeing far below us the sparkling sea.

At a cliffside café we'll stop and rest and enjoy a refreshing pot of tea.

Not bounded by time or dull routine, we can swim in the sea or laze in the sun;

To be able to do just what we please; some amusement too where we can have fun.

Once again, we will search for unusual gifts in the crowded shops;
Yes, our days will be full, many interesting things to see and do even if the weather appears to be dull.

Perhaps we shall find a secluded spot with only the seagulls for company;

A quiet bay surrounded by rocks, while the clouds drift by lazily.
We can walk along the seashore late night, feel the water lapping round our feet;

Leaving footprints in the soft wet sand, our holiday then will be complete.

Saffron Lane News

A Story from Childhood.

I felt so proud in 1958 to win a prize for good attendance at Sunday School. I said I would like an adventure story as I loved Enid Blyton. I was presented with Island Spell which was wonderful.

Life was hard in the 50's and every Christmas my stepmother would tell us to gift our last year's presents to Santa on his sleigh who went round the streets, so other children would have something that year. We were, however allowed to keep books which I loved.

Several years later, I found that my special prize Island Spell was missing. Life was strict and I really could not ask about the book, but it's loss made me very sad.

I never changed jobs much in adult working life but in 1999 I left Richard Roberts accounts dept. to go and work for Express Dairies at Grove Park. I made new friends and my 5 years working there were very happy. (Arla took them over and moved everything to their Head Office in Leeds).

The guy who was treasurer, his name was Paul Trotter, was brought up in the Saffron Lane area just like me, although we did not know one another.

We were talking one day as his mum and mine were machinists and worked for the same company in Dartford Road. He said to me one lunchtime,

"Elizabeth, what was your maiden name?"

"Ratcliffe" I replied.

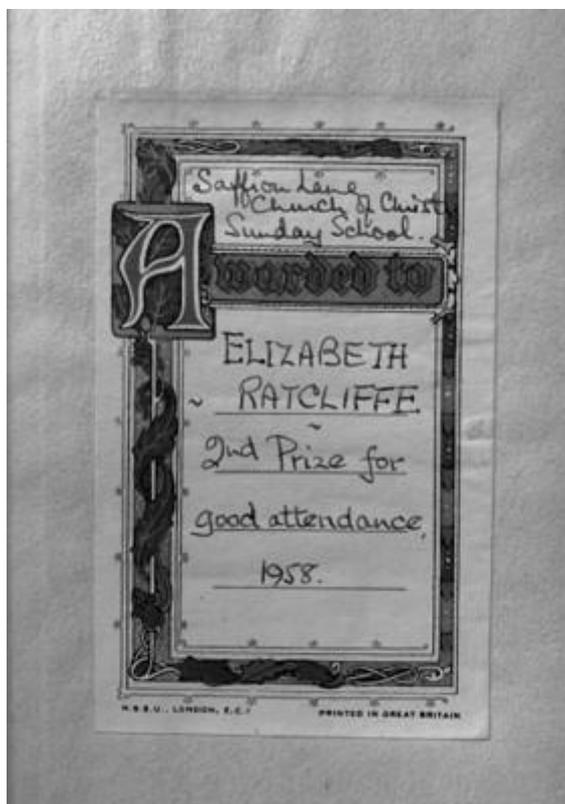
"Did you win a story book for good attendance at Sunday School?"

"Yes" I said in astonishment.

"I still have your book. Your mum gave it to my mum for me."

I was astonished to have my much loved book returned after 40 years.

Elizabeth



Whetstone News

Return to Worship

Being able to worship together in church continues to be a wonderful and much-appreciated experience! It's hard to think that eighteen months ago, we took it all for granted!

It was lovely to see Jenny B as she returned to church again! We've missed her! We can't wait until singing is once again permissible. It is wonderful to hear Bernard or Kevin playing the hymns on the organ and to be able to follow the words on the screen, thanks to Kevin creating weekly PowerPoint presentations, but once the restrictions on singing are lifted, the full worship experience will be completely restored.

Refreshments will return !!!

We also look forward to being able to serve tea and coffee at the end of our services again and reopening our Thursday Community Coffee Mornings, with "Kev's Cobs", filled with bacon, egg and/or sausage a definite feature, as soon as we are able. If current restrictions are lifted on 19th July, as planned, we aim to recommence our coffee mornings on **Thursday 22nd July from 10am til 12 noon.**

Prayers

We pray for all those across the group or those known to us individually, who need the power of prayer at this time.

We pray for Joan Moore who is ill and for Mary Thacker, as she continues in her recovery from illness.

We pray for Kevin's mum, Jean, as she awaits an operation and we pray for his Dad, Mick, who continues to deal with various health issues.

We ask God's blessing on all His children across the group and ask that the Holy Spirit come amongst us and rest and abide with us.

Whetstone News

Preachers for July:

4th - Mrs. Eileen Williams (Holy Communion)

11th - Mrs. Julie Slatford

18th - Mr. Howard Smith

25th - Rev. Martin Ferris

Preachers for August:

1st - Rev. Les Gill (Holy Communion)

8th - Mr. David Todd

15th - Mr. Ray Green

22nd - Mr. Eric Hanson

29th - Rev. David Howlett

Taking Part

The pandemic has been hard for everyone, especially businesses. Sandra ran her own high-end boutique. As her business began to struggle, she turned to God: "Lord, please help me. Please let me win the lottery." The draw took place but Sandra didn't win.

After a few weeks, Sandra couldn't afford to pay her mortgage. Once again she asked God, "Please let me win the lottery." But once again, the numbers were drawn and Sandra didn't win.

A few weeks later, Sandra was in even greater difficulty. "Lord," she said, "I am struggling to pay for food for my children. My business has closed and my house is in danger of being repossessed. I just want you to let me win the lottery! Why Lord have you forsaken me?"

Suddenly, a voice from above spoke: "Sandra, I have not forsaken you but you've got to meet me halfway... at least buy a ticket!"

Oadby News

Preachers for July

4	Revd David Howlett	Communion Service
11	Gus Webbe	
18	Revd Ivor Smith	Communion Service
25	Eileen Williams	

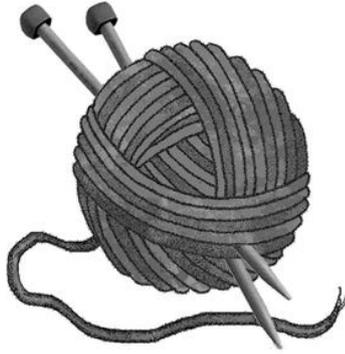
Preachers for August

1	Jacquie Gavin	Communion Service
8	Revd David Howlett	
15	Revd Richard Eastman	Communion Service
22	Shirley Eastman	
29	Revd Martin Ferris	

Our Services start at 10.15 am

If you would like any further information about our services please contact the Church Secretary - Pauline Hudson 0116 2712913





I am God's Handiwork

When I was at my last church, I joined the working circle and took up knitting again, something I had not done for twenty years or so since my children were young.

We met once a week and knitted items for local care homes, charities and hospitals etc. The chatter from the ladies was always good to hear amidst the clicking of the knitting needles. Some of the things we chatted about were hilarious and rather random, but this made it an enjoyable time, along with our cup of tea and biscuits. Some of the ladies must have knitted in their sleep, as the amount they produced in a week was quite remarkable!

As I reflected upon my time with the ladies, I got a mental picture of God as the knitter and myself the knitting He is working on. He already knows what the "finished product" will look like. After all it was He who formed me in my mother's womb. He knows exactly what He has to do in order to continue that work in my life and make me the "me" He created me to be.

Continued

There were times when I questioned the pattern He was following. How could it be right? Has he lost count of the stitches and lost one somewhere in the work? Why would He allow the not so good things in my life? I didn't understand. I couldn't control the pattern of my life. It was in the hands of the Father who patiently knits according to the plan. I have surrendered to His plan, and am seeing the pattern take shape. I realised that I can only be the "me" He created me to be if I stopped trying to be like others and allow Him to mould and shape my life; I have found purpose and fulfilment. I realised that everything that comes into my life must first pass through His loving hands; I stopped questioning the things I couldn't understand - the hurt, the suffering, the difficulties. When I trusted, even when I couldn't see how it could possibly work out for the best, I began to see the beautiful pattern He was creating in my life. I will not see the "finished product" until the day I see Him face to face. However, I know that by submitting my life into His hands it will be perfect.

Charlotte Ferris



Abbots Road News

HELLO.

Greetings from Abbots Road. Just got back from church today, it's strange now. Excellent services over the last 3 weeks from Pam, Eric and a first from Martin. But I miss singing and the social time afterwards. I feel sorry for whoever takes the service because there's no atmosphere, just silence.

We still have services on Zoom as well as in-person worship for those who don't feel ready to be with other people. A big thank you goes to Alison and Paul for setting up Zoom. But we pray that things will soon get back to normal.

So, I'm sure we are all coping in different ways. We still have our Zoom quiz on Wednesday night, Coffee Morning on a Saturday and a raffle, taking turns to provide the prizes. And, of course, Sunday worship.

So, it's not too bad. Hope you are well.

God bless, see you sometime.

Edith Middleton.





On Saturday 22 May 2021, we had a fun altogether national gathering of Messy people from all over the UK (and possibly a few overseas friends...).

We took part in some inspiring Messions in our family homes from the resources downloaded from the messy Church website, finishing back together with a warm and wonderful gathering.

After a leisurely break for lunch, we clocked in again in the afternoon for a short and magnificent [celebration on YouTube](#) with our families, with our Messy Church families as we took part in the Great Big Messy Church!

Was it the biggest Messy Church ever? It was certainly the largest virtual Messy Church gathering.



InterGenerate Church and Children's Spirituality Conference 2021

Alison Hadley and I (along with others from the East Midlands URC) were privileged to join the InterGenerate Church and Children's Spirituality Conference. The questions which drew me towards attending this conference were -

- Are you looking to bring generations together in your Church?
- Is your leadership trying to create deeper connections between all ages?
- Do you want to build a more intergenerational culture in your Church?

The InterGenerate Church and children's conference 2021 was conducted virtually from Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th May with almost 1000 participants from United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Netherlands, UK and other countries.

The timing was interesting as this went live at midday central USA time which meant 6pm UK time, but deep into the night in some other countries. Each day the conference lasted five hours and started with a keynote speaker, followed by a wide selection of workshops, academic paper presentations and other activities to choose from that inspired, taught, connected and supported.

The smaller breakout rooms were really inspiring with a wide choice of subjects such as:-

- An introduction to intergenerational Worship.
- Becoming a intergenerational Church: Step, Struggles and Strategies.
- Reinventing Church with intergenerational connections.

Abbots Road News

From Brian Russell

This is a poem I came across. I have no idea who the author is, but I noticed that there was no mention of the URC so I added five verses to the original. I hope you enjoy !

To be sung to the tune of *Onward Christian Soldiers*.

Onward, Christian Soldiers, ranked in disarray
We'd do so much better, marching the same way

Church of England.

We're the state religion, as is clearly seen
By our great Archbishops and our noble Queen
All our fighting forces, land or air or sea
When they don't know what they are, they put down C of E.

Catholics

Founded in Rome's Empire, we were surely first.
Thrown in with the lions - our lot came of worst !
If you are a sinner, we're the best - its plain,
Come along, confess your sins - then go and start again !

Methodists

Followers of Wesley, nothing do we lack
Will the Church of England ever get us back ?
Building our own Churches - going our own way,
'Madness in our Methodism' all the others say.

Baptists

We believe in water, never mixed with gin,
Absolute immersion, before we let you in !
Hold your breath and shiver, as we push you down,
We receive in fellowship, those who do not drown.

Quakers

Friends in our society, simple folk and true,
All men are our brothers, girls and sisters too !
Welcome to our meetings, though it sounds absurd,
No one sings or preaches there, and no one says a word !

Salvation Army

Underneath our banner, ranked behind our drum,
No one can ignore us; down the street we come,
Satan runs for cover - cannot stand the din.
We're so busy practising, we have no time for sin !

United Reformed Church

We're the ones United, four became just one.
Hoped that in due time all others might become
....members of this new group, born nineteen seventy two.
But in this new century we're just a denomination too.

United Churches

Jesus is our head we say, we're his Body so
...why can't we amalgamate, be THE CHURCH, and go
One in Christ, and don't let difference keep us apart ?
Let's give up our separateness and make a brand new start !!

Many things unite us, very few divide
Can't we put all our differences to the side ?
Accept one another, let each one be held
In the hand of Jesus, Saviour of the World.

No more hierarchy. 'Christian' is our name,
Each one is unique - we're just not all the same !
Separate, we are far less than if we did unite,
Then we'd show the universe it's not just US that's right !

Christians sing with gusto, words we all concord.
From that hymn in all our books you must have sung out loud !
Let's make those words come true ; show the world anew
Yes ! One Church, One Faith , One Lord - that surely ought to do !

Anon with additional verses from Brian Russell

Lectionary Readings

July 4th 2021

Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10 or Ezekiel 2 1 - 5

Psalm 48 or Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

Mark 6: 1-13

July 11th 2021

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19 or Amos 7 7 - 15

Psalm 24 or Psalm 85 8 - 13

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Mark 6: 14-29

July 18th

2 Samuel 7: 11-14a or Jeremiah 23 1 - 6

Psalm 89:20-37 or Psalm 23

Ephesians 2: 11-22

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

July 25th

2 Samuel 11: 1-15 or 2 Kings 4 42 - 44

Psalm 14 or Psalm 145 10 - 18

Ephesians 3: 14-21

John 6: 1-21

Lectionary Readings

August 1st

2 Samuel 11: 26-12: 13a or Exodus 16 2 - 4, 9 - 15

Psalms 51: 1-12 or Psalm 78 23 - 29

Ephesians 4: 1-16

John 6: 24-35

August 8th

2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33 or 1 Kings 19 4 - 8

Psalms 130 or Psalm 34 1 - 8

Ephesians 4: 25-5:2

John 6: 35, 41-51

August 15th

1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14 or Proverbs 9 1 - 6

Psalms 111 or Psalm 34 9 - 14

Ephesians 5: 15-20

John 6: 51-58

August 22nd

1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43 or Joshua 24 1 - 2a, 14 - 18

Psalms 84, or Psalm 34 15 - 22

Ephesians 6: 10-20

John 6: 56-69

August 29th

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13 or Deuteronomy 4 1 - 2, 6 - 9

Psalms 45: 1-2,6-9 or Psalm 15

James 1:17-27

Mark 7: 1-8,14-15,21-23